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Report Highlights:

On June 13, 2007, Commission Regulation (EC) No 646/2007 was published, which fixes maximum prevalence targets for salmonella in EU broiler flocks. The goal is the reduction of human zoonoses caused by *Salmonella enteridis* and *Salmonella typhimurium* in broilers.

On June 14, 2007, Commission Decision 2007/407/EC was published, which harmonizes the monitoring of antimicrobial resistance in *Salmonella* in poultry and pigs in EU Member States.

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EC sets targets for prevalence of *Salmonella enteritidis* and *Salmonella typhimurium* in broilers

On June 13, 2007, [Commission Regulation \(EC\) No 646/2007](#)¹ was published, which fixes the target for the reduction of *Salmonella enteritidis* and *Salmonella typhimurium* prevalence in broiler flocks at a maximum of 1 percent by the end of 2011. This Regulation implements [Regulation \(EC\) No 2160/2003](#)², which outlined overall targets for the reduction of salmonella and other zoonotic agents in food. The annex to Regulation (EC) No 646/2007 provides instructions for frequency of sampling and testing, and the examination protocol for testing.

The targets for salmonella prevalence were set after the publication of the [Report of the Task Force on Zoonoses Data Collection on the Analysis of the baseline survey on the prevalence of *Salmonella* in broiler flocks of *Gallus gallus*, in the EU, 2005-2006 \[1\] - Part A: *Salmonella* prevalence estimates](#)³. While the prevalence of salmonella-positive flocks in the EU was 23.7 percent, the presence of *Salmonella enteritidis* and *Salmonella typhimurium* was observed in 11 percent of all EU broiler flocks. However, between Member States (MS) prevalence of *S. Enteritidis* and/or *S. Typhimurium* varied from 0% to 39.3 percent.

Harmonization of antimicrobial resistance monitoring in *Salmonella*

In a separate [Commission Decision 2007/407/EC](#)⁴, published on June 14, 2007, the EC harmonizes the monitoring of antimicrobial resistance in *Salmonella* in poultry and pigs. This Commission Decision specifies the protocol and sampling frequency for testing of antimicrobial resistance of salmonella in the EU Member States. This Commission decision followed another [Report of the Task Force on Zoonoses Data Collection including a proposal for a harmonized monitoring scheme of antimicrobial resistance in *Salmonella* in fowl \(*Gallus gallus*\), turkeys and pigs and *Campylobacter jejuni* and *C. coli* in broilers](#)⁵.

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